Attack by foreign mercenaries on CRPF Personnel

† 2779. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign mercenaries had attacked CRPF Personnel on 4th January, 2001 during a search mission at Kotbala Jail in Jammu;

(b) if so, the number of injured CRPF Personnel in the above mentioned incident;

(c) the number of such incidents in the highly secured jail till 2000 and the outcome of the inquiry; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any step to prevent similar incidents in such highly secured jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) During a routine search conducted jointly by a team of CRPF and Jail staff on 5.1.2001 at Block No. 9 of Kot Bhalwal Jail, some detenues resisted and resorted to stone pelting and, as a result, one CRPF Head Constable, Deputy Superintendent of Jail and one Warder got injured. Appropriate disciplinary action under the provisions of the Jail Manual has been taken against the detenues.

(c) No such incident of such attacks by detenues has taken place in the past.

(d) A number of steps have been taken to prevent the occurrence of such incidents. They are:

— disciplinary action under the Jail Manual has been taken against the militants who were found to be guilty in this incident;

— some of the militants have been transferred to some other jails to break up the coming together of the militant leaders;

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— some of the prominent foreign militants have been sent out of the State to other jails;

— patrolling and watch and ward duties by the CRPF and jail staff have been increased;

— a criminal case has been registered againsi the accused persons in the above incident.

Providing security in courts in Delhi

† 2780. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reaction of Government towards the newsitem published in the "Dainik Jagran" dated the 11th February, 2001 under the caption 'Patiala House main vakil ne chalak ki gardan per ustara mara'; if so, whether Security Personnel have not been deployed there; and

(b) what measures Government are going to take to provide security in the courts, in view of the situation caused by such incident, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) An advocate of Patiala House Courts attacked a driver with his knife on 10.2.2001. At present, One Head Constable and three constables of Delhi Police and one section of Para-military force is deployed at Patiala House Courts for security.

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